

## Council briefs

Council moved into "in camera" to debate the pending negotiations concerning residence rebates for services not rendered during the CUPE strike. Council received correspondence from Head Librarian Dorothy Cooke stating that library hours will be extended from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight for the days April 7 and 14.

The Grants Committee reported a surplus of over \$1000 for the school year. The frequent number of discos in the SUB came under attack from Health Professions representative Keary Fulton. She was angered at the number of discos in the SUB as opposed to the number of bands and other events. Fulton inquired as to when the next non-disco event would take place and was told that a Super Sub is planned for April 7. Council decided to refer the problem of discos to the new council and hope that they can remedy the situation for next year. The Health Plan Committee reported that the Inglis Plan was the most acceptable amongst the plans under consideration. In addition, the Committee informed council that "medicinal reasons" were not valid for retaining the pill on the plan.

Council was introduced to Graduation Committee Chairperson Shrinii Pillay who proceeded to outline the Graduation Committee's plans for the ceremonies and simultaneous week of events. In addition, Pillay informed council that a \$15 fine will be brought against any graduate who does not take part in the ceremony. Council then passed a motion requesting the student senators to question the Dalhousie Senate on the validity behind their decision to impose the fine.

Recruitment Committee spokesperson Cathy MacLean introduced the committee's choices for the following positions: Shinerama Director, Marj Masson; Orientation Co-Directors, Debbie Naugler and Sandra Schultz; and Handbook Co-Editors, Dave Grandy and Lee Lathigee.

## Staff photo

Monday 12:30



at the Gazette office!

## Media distorts

The provincial government has a clear idea of student demands concerning the future of higher education but because of misrepresentation by the local media most Nova Scotians don't.

The Halifax Herald trivialized one of the largest demonstrations in the history of Province House by printing a picture on page one of a bus, rerouted because of the march, running into a fire hydrant; while the demonstration story and pic were buried on page 10.

In its late news coverage ATV cameras zeroed in repeatedly on one of the two MAKE THE RICH PAY signs in the crowd of three thousand. Most students recognize this slogan as the trademark of an ultra-leftist group that has no credibility in the student community. The station's reporter, Blaine Henshaw, then ended his newscast by stating that Nova Scotia property owners can only disapprove of the students' demands.

Nova Scotians, including those who rent, should be glad someone is finally questioning why they pay 70 per cent of the costs for higher education in this province but only a comparable few of their number can afford to go. It costs about \$4000 to live through an academic year. To most Nova Scotians this is about a quarter of their income—a portion they could not do without no matter how strongly they wanted to put their son or daughter through school.



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## McCarthy decision soon

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—Following two days of public hearings, the mediator in the Robert McCarthy dispute at Acadia University says his decision should be made by April 15. Bernard Adell, Queen's University Dean of Law, was selected in December by a committee of faculty and Board of Governor members, to have a free hand in resolving the 1975 disputed firing of McCarthy, a music professor at Acadia.

McCarthy was refused tenure in 1973 after teaching at Acadia for one year. An independent hearing committee had recommended he be retained for another year after which his contract would be reviewed, but he was formally removed in 1975.

Both the Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) and the Board of Governors presented their case to Adell.

Ronald Pugsley, the lawyer for the Board said that the decision not to re-hire McCarthy "was not exactly the same" as dismissal by a regular employer. "Two year appointments were and are made and reviewed with the possibility of renewal upon the advice of the individual's colleagues", Pugsley said.

The university maintains that due process took place and that there were numerous communications asking for assessment of the professor.

"The main reason for the decision against McCarthy were the difficulties that arose in personal relationships with

the other members of the School of Music", according to the Board. "Following the decision McCarthy had gone to unusual lengths to arouse student sympathies and was prepared to use whatever means were at his disposal to arouse the students." McCarthy used the student newspaper extensively to air his grievances and as a result, students became directly involved in the issue.

Pugsley said McCarthy could not be re-instated because ill feelings may continue to prevail and unfavorable relationships could again occur. Since McCarthy has employment in Minnesota, Pugsley suggested that he remain there since Acadia's music department has no vacancies.

AUFA says the dean of music, Vernon Ellis, violated proper procedure. "He was to analyze past and future contributions McCarthy could make rather than the contentious debate", said the Association's lawyer. He also accused the dean of failing to consult colleagues, and of improperly interviewing students, some of whom never had McCarthy for a professor. The dean ignored normal procedure by attending classes, and also did not take into consideration the lack of objectivity of certain faculty members with whom he consulted, said AUFA.

Ellis was instructed to advise McCarthy of criticisms giving him the opportunity to improve but did not do so, the faculty claims.

AUFA says McCarthy's non-renewal was not justified in substance. "We would like to see McCarthy reinstated with tenure as an assistant professor with two years seniority and that he be reimbursed for all loss of salary by the university" says the association.

Although university students were not allowed to present a brief to the public hearing, they earlier submitted their view in writing to Adell.

"A look at the chronology of students involvement will show that students made it their business to become involved. . . ." reads the brief. "The students put their academic and professional futures on the line by standing up and naming themselves as supporters of Professor McCarthy."

The brief mentioned the two petitions signed by 65 of 82 music students, describing McCarthy as an invaluable member of the faculty, "an inspired and inspiring teacher and excellent musician".

The students reminded the mediator of a two day boycott of classes with a 90% involvement rate and later a hunger strike. "From the students point of view there was no substantial or substantiated evidence to not renew McCarthy's contract. There actually was overwhelming evidence testifying that he was a professor of the highest order."

the program, participating students from across Canada and the Soviet Union are permitted the opportunity to study the language and the culture of the guest country in an immersion type atmosphere.

Apparently there was some question as to the effects of such an incident on relations between the two countries but were set to rest when shortly afterwards it was announced

that three additional scholarships would be granted to the Canadian delegation by the

Soviet authorities.

The students are due to return later in the term.

## ORIENTATION '79

Anyone wishing to help in any aspect of organization for Orientation '79 please attend the meeting Monday at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Green room of the Student Union Building.



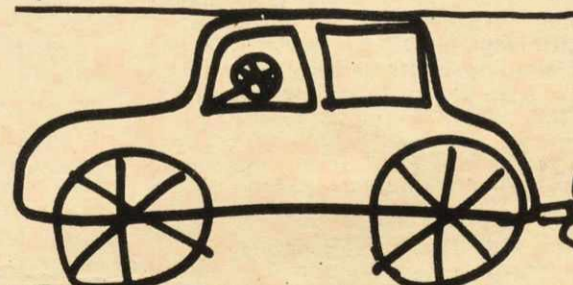
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